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the residents of Garden County is either we do something to clarify the boundary to ensure Garden County Refuge or we do nothing and they lose the refuge altogether because it won't be defensible. I think that this is the obvious preferable choice. We believe we have a bill that does meet the needs. It does accomplish the goal and I would encourage your support on LB 826 for advancement.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. You've heard closing on advancement of LB 826. The question before the body is, shall that bill be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 826 offered by Senator Erdman to be advanced to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who wish to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK:: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 826 does advance. Mr. Clerk and members, the last bill of the afternoon, LB 727.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 727 was introduced by Senator Connealy. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 22, referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached. (AM2571, Legislative Journal page 628.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy, to open on advancement of LB 727

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This bill was brought to me by the Secretary of State from recommendations by the Federal Voting Assistance Program, a part of the Department of Defense, in helping military and overseas citizens to vote. It was a rather large agenda; LB 727 represented four changes that allowed ballots to be returned by electronic transmission or fax allowing the overseas citizens who have not received within the state...who have not resided within the state to cast a ballot and also establish alternative methods